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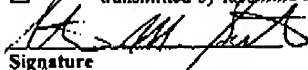
Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed December 19, 2005, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks into the record of the above-captioned patent application.

- AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 2
- REMARKS begin on page 8

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